

## LAKE MINATARE (SRA)

Lake Minatare State Recreation Area (SRA) is a scenic area in Nebraska's Panhandle that encompasses 2,970 acres, including the 2,158-acre reservoir. Easily accessible by paved road from U.S. Highway 26 or Nebraska Highway 71, Lake Minatare is 6 miles east and 8 miles north of Scottsbluff in the historic North Platte River Valley.

Lake Minatare boasts excellent outdoor recreation opportunities, while irrigating thousands of acres in the North Platte Valley. It is surrounded by notable historic sites such as Chimney Rock National Historic Site and the Scotts Bluff National Monument.

## HOME OF THE PLAINS LIGHTHOUSE

Lake Minatare's landmark lighthouse was a beacon of hope in the dark days of the Great Depression, when many Americans were jobless. It was built entirely of native stone between 1937 and 1939 by the Veterans Conservation Corps (VCC) Camp BR-1. The unusual structure stands 55 feet tall and was intended to serve as a combination shelter house and observation tower.

"Built to simulate a lighthouse," it is the only such structure in Nebraska. Many decades later, it still stands watch over the area. Open to the public, the historic tower continues to offer a spectacular view of the lake and picturesque river valley.

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Chimney Rock National Historic Site
- Scotts Bluff National Monument



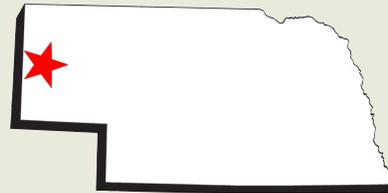
## MORE INFORMATION

A valid Nebraska Park Entry Permit is required for all vehicles entering the park. Permits can be purchased:

- At OutdoorNebraska.org
- At the park
- From Game and Parks permitting offices or permit vendors

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## STATE RECREATION AREA



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## CAMPING

Campers will find a variety of camping options at Lake Minatare SRA. Lakeview Point Campground offers 52 padded sites with 20/30 amp electrical hookups, and Butte View Campground, recently updated, has 49 padded sites with 50 amp electrical hookups and 110 primitive sites available.



Camping reservations can be made at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org) or by calling the reservation center, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at 402-471-1414.

## OTHER AMENITIES

Other amenities at the park include picnic tables, shelters, drinking water, fire grates, a dump station and vault toilets.

## SWIMMING

Swimming and other water-related activities are permitted in designated areas. Water surfaces may be zoned to define areas or hours when various activities are allowed. Where such zones are established, posted rules must be strictly observed. Flotation devices other than approved life jackets or belts worn on the person are prohibited or restricted.

## FISHING

Anglers can pursue walleye, channel catfish, black crappie, northern pike, yellow perch, and white and smallmouth bass. Modern fish-cleaning stations are located near the lake.

## HUNTING

Lake Minatare is closed to public access from October 15 through January 15. Hunting is not allowed on USFWS refuge land.

## BOATING

Boaters will find three ramps conveniently located around the lake, which has plenty of running room for power boating, water skiing and sailing. To accommodate all the various activities, however, special boating regulations apply at the public dock sites. Lake Minatare has fluctuating levels due to irrigation releases that can impact lake elevation.

